

MUNICIPAL HOME RULE  
PILOT PROGRAM

City of Weirton

2015  
PROGRESS  
REPORT

West Virginia State Code §8-1-5a (m) provides:

“Commencing December 1, 2015, and each year thereafter, each participating municipality shall give a progress report to the Municipal Home Rule Board and commencing January 1, 2016, and each year thereafter, the Municipal Home Rule Board shall give a summary report of all the participating municipalities to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.”

The Municipal Home Rule Board has developed this standard format for Pilot Program participating municipalities to prepare and submit their respective Annual Progress Reports. The intent of this standard format is to gather and compile information in a consistent, easily understood, and efficient manner that will be used to develop a concise and practical summary report to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Annual Progress Reports must be submitted electronically as an individual file in PDF format no later than the close of business on December 1, 2015 by emailing Debbie Browning at [debbie.a.browning@wv.gov](mailto:debbie.a.browning@wv.gov), West Virginia Development Office, West Virginia Home Rule Pilot Program, State Capitol Complex, Building 6, Room 553, Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0311, 304-558-2234.

<b>A. General Information</b>		
Name of Municipality: City of Weirton		
Certifying Official: <b>Travis L. Blosser</b>	Title: <b>City Manager</b>	
Contact Person: <b>Travis L. Blosser</b>	Title: <b>City Manager</b>	
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E-Mail Address: <b>citymanager@cityofweirton.com</b>		
2010 Census Population: 19,746		
<b>B. Municipal Classification</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class II</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Class III <input type="checkbox"/> Class IV		
<b>C. Pilot Program Entry Phase</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Phase I (2007 Legislation) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Phase II (2014 Legislation)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phase III (2015 Legislation)		
<b>D. Attest</b>		
I hereby confirm that I am the authorized official for this municipality and certify that the information submitted herein and attached hereto is true and accurate and that this report addresses each and every initiative included in the original Home Rule Pilot Program Plan Application for this municipality and any subsequent amendments, if applicable.		
<b>Travis L. Blosser, City Manager</b>		<b>12/01/2015</b>
Type Name of Certifying Official	Signature of Certifying Official	Date

Please use this page to report progress on each **non-tax related initiative** included in your Home Rule Application. Each non-tax related initiative must have a separate page.

<b>Initiative: Probationary Employment of Uncertified Building/Zoning Code Officials</b>
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? <b>April 13, 2015 – Ordinance No. 1786</b>
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s)
<p>SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p><b>Since the adoption of this ordinance, the City of Weirton has been able to hire two employees and utilize them in a manner to achieve effective many hours on the job. They are in a mentoring program that allows them to be in the field with a licensed inspector for “on the job” training in a variety of situations from property maintenance issues to commercial inspections. Once the license inspector determines that they are adequately trained for a duty, the new employee is then released to perform those functions independently. One inspector has successfully passed three certification tests and the second is scheduled for his first test on December 1, 2015.</b></p>
<p>LESSONS LEARNED – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting lessons learned during implementation of this revenue initiative that would benefit other municipalities.</p> <p><b>This program has allowed the City of Weirton to be able to effectively train employees while still achieving value from their employment.</b></p>

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<b>Initiative: Building/Zoning Code Officials Enforcement Provisions</b>
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? <b>April 13, 2015 – Ordinance No. 1787</b>
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s)
<p>SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.</p> <p><b>Since the adoption of this ordinance, the City of Weirton has been able to effectively streamline the process to get simple property maintenance issues resolved in a timely manner. The Ordinance became effective on May 13, 2015, and since that date Code Officials have issued 42 citations for common nuisance complaints.</b></p>
<p>LESSONS LEARNED – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting lessons learned during implementation of this revenue initiative that would benefit other municipalities.</p> <p><b>This process has allowed for more effective use of Code Officials man hours and therefore, the ability to address more issues within the City of Weirton.</b></p>

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<b>Initiative: Police Officers Enforcement Provisions in Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) Establishments</b>
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? <b>September 08, 2015 – Ordinance No. 1792</b>
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s)
<b>SUCSESSES</b> – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.  The ordinance has recently been passed and is in the process of implementation.
<b>LESSONS LEARNED</b> – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting lessons learned during implementation of this revenue initiative that would benefit other municipalities.  See above.

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<b>Initiative: Municipal Authority to Place Restrictions on Streets and Highways within City Limits</b>
Category of Issues Addressed (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Was this non-tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input type="checkbox"/> ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted? <b>September 08, 2015 – Ordinance No. 1793</b>
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s)
<b>SUCSESSES</b> – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting successes realized through the implementation of this initiative and any metrics used to track performance.  The ordinance has recently been passed and is in the process of implementation.
<b>LESSONS LEARNED</b> – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting lessons learned during implementation of this revenue initiative that would benefit other municipalities.  See above.

Please use this page to report progress on each **tax related initiative** included in your Home Rule Application. Each tax related initiative must have a separate page.

<b>Initiative: Implementation of a Consumer Sales and Use Tax</b>
Was this tax initiative a part of your original plan application <input type="checkbox"/> or a plan amendment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?
Has the ordinance(s) needed to implement this initiative been enacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, when was the ordinance enacted?
If no, please describe challenges faced in enacting the related ordinance(s) <b>As of this date, the ordinance has passed its first reading which was held at the City Council Meeting on November 9, 2015. The second reading and passage is expected at the next meeting of Weirton City Council on December 7, 2015.</b>
REVENUES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting revenue amounts and revenue categories realized; revenue amounts and revenue categories reduced; net revenue gain; and, any metrics used to track performance. <b>Revenue has yet to be realized from the implementation of the Sales and Use Tax Ordinance which won't go into effect until July 1, 2016. Revenue reductions from the changes to the B&amp;O Tax Ordinance, likewise, won't go into effect until July 1, 2016.</b>
SUCSESSES – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting projects, improvements, programming, etc. realized through the implementation of this revenue initiative and any metrics used to track performance. <b>See above.</b>
LESSONS LEARNED – In the space below, please provide a brief narrative highlighting lessons learned during implementation of this revenue initiative that would benefit other municipalities. <b>None yet realized.</b>